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1. WE HAVE HAD PRELIMINARY CONVERSATIONS WITH AVAILABLE REPS OF SEVEN PLUS SEVEN RE PROPOSED T.N.C. WORK PROGRAM PACKAGE REFTEL. ALL WELCOMED FACT US-EC AGREEMENT IN ORDER TO PERMIT WORK TO GO FORWARD, THOUGH NONE HAD ANY DEFINITIVE COMMENT ON CONTENT OF PACTAGE SINCE MOST HAD NOT YET STUDIED TEXTS.

2. LAI, MALAYSIA, SAID HE HOPED THERE WOULD BE NO PROBLEMS WITH PACKAGE, BUT STRESSED IMPORTANCE OF NOT PUSHING FOR ACCEPTANCE AT MEETING OF SEVEN AND SEVEN MONDAY. WE HAVE TAKEN THREE MONTHS TO WORK THIS OUT, HE SAID, AND OTHERS WOULD RESENT BEING PRESSED TO GIVE IMMEDIATE ANSWER; THEY WOULD BE LESS LIKELY TO FIND DIFFICULTIES IF MEETING IS CLOSED WITH EXPRESSION OF HOPE FOR
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ACCEPTANCE WHEN TNC CONVENES AND DOES NOT INVOLVE PRESSURE

FOR COMMITMENTS ON THE SPOT.

3. WARRICK-SMITH, AUSTRALIA, HAD NO COMMENT YET ON PACKAGE BUT SAID HE WILL WISH TO DISCUSS WITH MALMGREN OPERATION OF TCN, I.E. WHETHER THERE WILL NEED TO BE SOME KIND OF STEERING GROUP OR OTHER MEANS OF KEEPING THINGS GOING. HE ALSO THINKS LONG SHOULD SCHEDULE TNC MEETINGS FOR PERIODS LONGER THAN ONE OR TWO DAYS SINCE SUCH SHORT MEETINGS CAN HARDLY PRODUCE RESULTS UNLESS THEY ARE TO RUBBER STAMP FAITS ACCOMPLI. (WE ARE NOT SURE WHETHER THIS LATTER POINT IS MAINLY GENERAL OR COMPLAINT ABOUT PRESENT PACKAGE AS FAIT ACCOMPLI, THOUGH WE HAVE KEPT HIM INFORMED AS MUCH AS WE COULD RE DEVELOPMENT OF PACKAGE). FALCONER, NEW ZEALAND, ALSO MADE COMMENT SIMILAR TO WARRICK-SMITH'S FIRST POINT, INDICATING WISH OF NZ AMBASSADOR ESTERBROOK-SMITH TO DISCUSS PROBLEM OF ENSURING THAT TNC WILL STEP IN IF WORK OF GROUPS DOES NOT PROGRESS.

4. WE ALSO HAVE HEARD REPORTS THAT THERE MAY BE MOVE IN MONDAY AFTERNOON MEETING TO DEFER DECISION ON TNC MEETING UNTIL SEVEN PLUS SEVEN ARE IN POSITION TO CONFIRM ACCEPTANCE OF PACKAGE.

5. MEETING WITH CANADA, AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND SCHEDULED FOR 0930 MONDAY.

6. LUYTEN SAYS EC WILL NOT BE READY FOR TNC MEETING BEFORE FEBRUARY 6.BASSIN

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